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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield between 11 and 21 September 1953:

11 September. Between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 6 Il-10s were observed aloft.

12 September. At 2 p.m., a Li-2 with the No 30 flew over the field and parachutists jumped from the aircraft. No other air activity was observed, also on 13 September.

14 September. Between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., take-offs and landings were made by individual Il-10s.

15 September. Between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., formation flights were made by eight Il-10s. Subsequently until 6:30 p.m., only individual flights were observed.

21 September. At 6:30 a.m., 60 Il-10s were observed at the field. There was sunny weather. At 5 p.m., six ground attack aircraft took off, circled over the field and made low-level attacks. At 5:10 p.m., an Il-10 with the No 14 crashed from an altitude of about 50 meters, breaking the right wing and landing gear and also lost its propeller while rolling over. Trucks arrived at the scene of accident. Subsequently, individual take-offs were made up to 9 p.m.

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2. Motor vehicle were observed at the Landesanstalt (mental hospital).

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Comment. Brandenburg-Briest is still occupied by a ground attack regiment with 60 Il-10s. A total of 57 aircraft have been observed. This is the largest number previously observed with a ground attack regiment.

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